

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In Re: Laurene Morgan, R.N.

Pctition No. 2003-1007-010-084

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Laurene Morgan (hereinafter "respondent") of Wolcott, Connecticut has been issued license number R42117 to practice as a registered nurse by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. In early June 2003, respondent was employed by New England Health Care ("NEHC") to provide skilled nursing services to clients with mental health diagnoses. On or about June 9, 2003, respondent resigned from NEHC and commenced employment with Gentiva Health Services ("Gentiva") that same day. Respondent was one of several nurses who arranged for the immediate transfer of a number of patients from NEHC to Gentiva during the course of the day. However, respondent failed to obtain proper discharge/admission orders from physicians as part of an orderly transfer of psychiatric patient care from one agency to another. As a result, patients were placed at risk for the potential duplication of service during the period of agency transfer, which caused unnecessary confusion with scheduled medication administration.
2. On or about December 25 through 27, 2003, respondent did not provide scheduled skilled nursing services to five patients at a group home in Waterbury, Connecticut. Respondent documented in behavioral health nursing notes that she had conducted said medication administrations.

3. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, 20-99(b), including but not limited to, 20-99(b)(2).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations but, while not admitting to having violated any statute or regulation, including but not limited to §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, agrees that for the purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14, and 20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
3. Respondent's license number R42117 to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
4. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
5. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.


6. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
7. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall not be contested in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which her compliance with this Consent Order of with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, are at issue. Further, respondent understands that all discipline imposed by this Consent Order, except for civil penalties, will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
8. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
9. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
10. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
11. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

I, Laurene Morgan, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

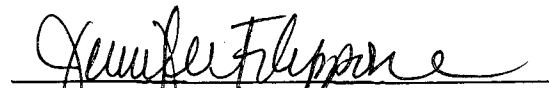

Laurene Morgan, R.N.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of April, 2006.

BARBARA J. BUGNACKI
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 28, 2010

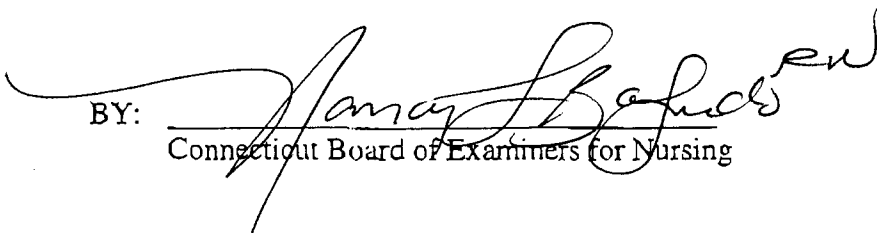

Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 18th day of May, 2006, it is hereby accepted.


Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 7 day of June, 2006, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY:


Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing